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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

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Total Claims	31	—	31	= 0 ×	\$9	= \$0
Independent Claims	3	—	3	= 0 ×	\$42	= \$0
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 13, 2002, Applicant Elects Species A defined by the Examiner as indicated below. The Examiner asserts that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species A, drawn to a wedge shaped support element.

Species B, drawn to a triangle shaped support element.

Species C, drawn to a support element having arch sections.

Applicant submits that Species A corresponds to Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, and 18-31. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertion that no claims are generic to the

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Species A, B, and C as defined by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the independent claims, as well as many of the dependent claims, including Claims: 5, 6, 9-14, 19-22, and 24-31 are generic to Species A, B, and C

Respectfully submitted,

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